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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN DEPLOYMENT OF ADVANCED LOCATION STRIKE

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1. CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF SUBJECT PROGRAM BY THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, THE FOLLOWING IS DOD AND STATE DEPT APPROVED PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE ON THE MATTER. THIS STATEMENT AND THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ARE A REVISION OF THOSE CONTAINED IN THE REFERENCE. UNLESS DICTATED OTHERWISE BY DIPLOMATIC NECESSITY, RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROJECT WILL BE MADE ON A RESPONSE TO QUERY BASIS ONLY.

2. PRIOR TO INITIATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO EUROPE, OASD:PA WILL HANDLE DOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS RESPONSIBILITIES ON THIS MATTER. AFTER DEPLOYMENT COMMENCES, USCINCEUR WILL HANDLE DOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM, WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS AND CONTEXT OF THE STATEMENT AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS BELOW. QUESTIONS GOING BEYOND THIS INFORMATION WILL BE REFERRED TO OASD:PA.

3. CONTINGENCY STATEMENT: USAF U-2 AIRCRAFT ARE IN EUROPE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVALUATION OF A MILITARY PROGRAM. PRECISE DETAILS OF WHICH CANNOT BE DISCUSSED. EVALUATION WILL INCLUDE EXTENSIVE HIGH ALTITUDE PRECISION NAVIGATION. THE AIRCRAFT WILL NOT BE ARMED, NOR WILL THEY TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS. THE PLANES WILL OPERATE FROM RAF WETHERSFIELD AND WILL OVERFLY -- WITH PERMISSION -- OTHER ALLIED NATIONS.

4. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q1. HOW MANY AIRCRAFT?

A1. FIVE U-2'S WITH STANDARD USAF MARKINGS.

Q2. HOW MANY USAF PEOPLE INVOLVED?

A2. APPROX 150.

Q3. ARE THESE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN A SPY MISSION?

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A3. NO.

Q4. WILL YOU OVERFLY OTHER NATIONS? IF SO, WHICH ONES?

A4. YES - GERMANY, NETHERLANDS, AND UK.

Q5. HOW MANY FLIGHTS WILL BE FLOWN FROM UK?

A5. APPROX SIX-EIGHT PER WEEK.

Q6. WHY IS THE TEST BEING CONDUCTED IN EUROPE RATHER
THAN THE US?

A6. TESTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE UNITED STATES.
HOWEVER, THE DENSE ELECTRONIC ENVIRONMENT OF EUROPE
COULD NOT BE SIMULATED IN THE U.S. INGERSOLL

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